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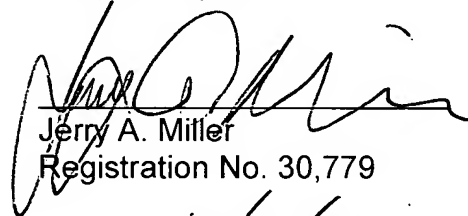
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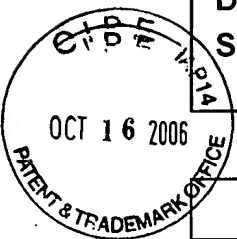
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APPENDIX

U.S. Patent Number 5,737,029 appears to be related to JP 08-140003 and its machine translation.

U.S. Patent Number 5,589,892 appears to be related to JP 11-505094 and its machine translation.



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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	5,737,029	04/07/1998	Ohkura et al.		11/03/1995
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	WO 95/01058	01/05/1995	PCT		
	JP 08-140003	05/31/1996	Japan		Yes
	JP 11-505094	1999	Japan		Yes
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	JP 11-032272	02/02/1999	Japan		
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Relevant Article(s) : Art 29(1) and Art 29(2)

The subject patent application has been rejected on the grounds described below. You are invited to file your observations and insofar as the deficiencies are such as to be rectifiable, to correct the indicated deficiencies within a period of three months from the mailing date of this notice.

Grounds for Rejection

A. The invention claimed in the claims 1 to 46 of the subject application is disclosed in the printed matters as described below prior to the filing date of the present application. On this basis, the subject invention can not be granted under the Art. 29(1)-3 of the Patent Law.

Details (For information on the cited documents, please see the attached list.)

Each of D1 (in reference to, especially, Figs. 1, 22 to 23, 28 to 32, 36, 45 to 47) and D2 (refer to, especially, Figs. 1, 16 to 22) describes the invention which is substantially identical with the invention claimed in claims 1 to 2, 4 to 10, 12 to 18, 20 to 26, 28 to 35, 40 to 43, 45 to 46 of the present application.

Also, each of D3 (in reference to, especially, Figs. 1, 6, 6A, 15 to 17) and D4 (refer to, especially, Figs. 1, 19 to 33) describes the invention which is substantially identical with the invention claimed in claims 1, 3 to 9, 11 to 17, 19 to 25, 27 to 31, 36 to 42, 44 to 46 of the present application.

B. The invention claimed in the claims 1 to 46 of the subject application can be invented easily by those who had been skilled in the art of the subject field prior to the filing date of the present application, if they have reference to the inventions disclosed in the printed matters. On this basis, the subject invention can not be granted under the Art. 29(2) of the Patent Law.

Details (For information on the cited documents, please see the attached list.)

Similarly to the aforementioned Ground A, the invention claimed in claims 1 to 46 of the present application can be easily performed based on the invention described in D1 to D4 by those skilled in the art.

List of the cited documents

- D1. International Publication No. WO 95/01058 ✓
D2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H08-140003 ✓
D3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H11-505094 ✓
D4. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H08-139619 ✓

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*Prior Art

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H11-150691 ✕
Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H11-32272 ✕
Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. H09-37172 ✕
International Publication No. 01/74063 ✕
International Publication No. 00/65429 ✕
International Publication No. 99/04561 ✕

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